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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Examiner Hoffman:

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2007, Applicant hereby submits the following amendments and remarks and requests for reconsideration. In accordance with USPTO practice, each section of this Response begins on a separate sheet. Applicant submits these amendments and remarks serve to clarify the present invention and are independent of patentability.